

KAFFIRS As Servants.

Picture of Domestic Conditions in
South Africa.

(New York Tribune.)
A vivid picture of domestic conditions in South Africa was given yesterday by a Tribune representative by Mrs. A. A. Blow. She was the originator of the idea of the hospital ship Maine, the gift of Americans in England to the British troops in South Africa. Her husband was manager of a mine in South Africa, and Mrs. Blow lived there for several years. In recalling the domestic problem as it exists in that region, she said:

"Most of the work is done by Kaffirs, who, like the southern negroes in slavery times, are called 'boys,' no matter what their age may be. When the Kaffir boys come from the kraals no one ever uses their native names. As soon as they are brought in contact with the whites they take a 'white' name. This produces results which are not lacking in elements of humor. Among the house boys 'Knife,' 'Fork' and 'Spoon' were common names. 'Table,' 'Chair,' 'Cupboard,' 'Watch' and 'Matchbox' were other names that I had in the house at various times. My butler rejoiced in the stately appellation of 'New One.' It was when the slang phrase, 'That's a new one on me' was prevailing."

"One of my house boys took the utilitarian name of 'Ham an Eggs.' The Kaffirs are very fond of rice, when they learn to eat it among the whites, and our staff boy thought he had found the nicest name in the world in 'Rice.' But the Kaffirs have the same difficulty as the Chinese in pronouncing the letter 'r' and so poor Rice always called himself 'Lice.' Down at the mine they would take 'Pick' and 'Shovel,' and all such expressions in common use. One day the wife of one of the carpenters sent down to the compound for a boy to do her kitchen work. The boy heard one expression in frequent use at the mine. It had struck him as euphonious and pleasing, and so when she asked him his name, he calmly replied 'Dam Fool.'"

"Why, I can't call you that," said she, horrified. "I will call you Joseph." The boy flew into a rage. He said 'Dam Fool' was a moochie gun (a 'rice' name), and that if he could not have that name he would not work for her. He was so stubborn about it that she either had to use the name or send him back to the compound. Eventually she kept him, and she told me that it was a relief to her feelings sometimes to have a kitchen boy answering to just that name."

"We had ten Kaffirs in the house, but I never could quite bring myself to eat Kaffir cooking. It was apt to be weird. We had an English housekeeper who did the cooking. But one time I took her down to Johannesburg for a week's vacation, and Candler, who was her chief assistant, took charge of the cuisine in her absence. All the boys were fond of Mr. Blow, and Candler was very anxious to serve him properly. One night he brought in a baked custard for dessert. He had seen the cook prepare it, and had followed the example with anxious care. When Mr. Blow tasted it he thought for a moment he was in the clutches of a nightmare. Just to see what the boy could have done to it, he followed the subject up, and it transpired that Candler had favored the custard with Worcestershire sauce instead of vanilla. They were of the same color, and the simple child of the kraal could go no further in his philosophy. Poor Candler was quite crestfallen."

"The prices of ordinary necessities were frightful," went on the speaker. "We had to pay from \$1.25 to \$1.75 a dozen for eggs. I kept a hundred hens myself, which helped to solve that problem, and many others did the same. More than half the eggs in the country are brought from the Madeira islands. The boats used to come from there just laden with them. Milk is always sold by the bottle. One never speaks in that country of buying a quart of milk. It is always, 'Go get a bottle of milk,' and it is usually delivered in an earthenware bottle. It cost from 8 to 25 cents a quart, and it wasn't very good when you got it."

"Most of our butter came from Holland in tins, and cost 50 cents for a pound tin. In Johannesburg we were able every thought of drinking any but bottled water. We bought soda water a hundred bottles at a time. But up at the mine we did drink a little natural water after it had been boiled, filtered and cooled."

TOM JOHNSON AS MAYOR.

He Freed Hundreds of Persons Who
Were in Jail Because of Poverty.

(Chicago News.)

In those unadventurous affairs which are social rather than political, Mr. Johnson's ideas are very pronounced—to some minds dangerous. Upon his accession to office he found the city workhouse, in all the common-law cases, all persons guilty of misdemeanors or petty offenses, filled with persons who had been committed because of the non-payment of fines. Many of these were first offenders. Others were detained from thirty to sixty days while working out their sentences. Mr. Johnson termed this imprisonment for debt a punishment for being poor.

While the workhouse was able to pay their fines and go free, a man who was merely a suspicious character, or who had been arrested for intoxication or some other minor offense, was separated from his family and kept in detention for a long time, with the strong probability that upon his release he would be less able to support himself and much more dangerous to society than at the time of his arrest.

Since then there has been what many people consider a wholesale jail delivery. Great numbers of men and women (more than 300) have been released after an investigation of their offenses, and less than twenty, a comparatively small percentage, have been recommitted, thus demonstrating that they were detained not because they were inherently vicious, but rather because of misfortune.

A like liberal spirit has characterized his administration of the park system. Several playgrounds have been established in the most thickly congested portions of the city, while in the parks themselves golf, baseball, tennis and all sorts of manly sports have been encouraged. "Keep off the grass" signs have been abolished, and the children have the fullest and freest access to the turf. The idea of public bath has received his endorsement, says the World's Work, as well as the extension of the small park idea into the crowded portions of the city.

Pneumonia is Believed of Its Terror by Foley's Honey and Tar. It stops the racking cough and heals and strengthens the lungs. If taken in time it will prevent an attack of pneumonia. Refuse substitutes. Johnson, Pratt & Co.

HAIRS TO GREAT ESTATES.

The Persistency With Which This
Graft Is Being Worked.

(Cleveland Plain Dealer.)

The persistency with which people in Ohio are working to place all over the United States insist that there is an immense "Case estate" in Cleveland awaiting division among the "Case heirs," and that they are the "heirs" to the scores of millions of dollars left by Leonard Case, has puzzled those who knew the facts

concerning the "estate." The mystery has been, partly at least, cleared up by the statements of Probate Judge White. It seems an ingenious person whose post-office address is for the present Waterville, N. Y., has made it his business to send letters to a great number of people in distant states, informing them that the probate court in Cleveland is about to divide up the estate of Leonard Case,

valued at \$30,000,000; that the recipient of the letter is a "direct heir," and that further information would be forwarded in return for a remittance, the amount varying from \$5 to \$25, according to the writer's idea of his correspondent's circumstances or gullibility. Some sent the money and, after waiting in vain for the "further information," wrote Judge White for particulars. Others, more cautious,

wrote to the judge first, and learned that the "Case estate" was distributed by the courts long ago, and was of far less extent and value than represented to them. The "Case estate" scheme for making money is but a variant of the old device of "English estates" or "chancery funds" waiting to be claimed by the "American heirs." That golden mine has been worked for so many years that by this time it

should be exhausted. But it is not. In spite of the warning sent out by the state department at intervals of a year or two, the sharpers on the other side of the Atlantic continue to draw funds from credulous Americans with which to prosecute their claims to the "Case estate" or secure their share of the "millions in the Bank of England" held in trust by the chancery court until the

"true heirs" come forward in person or by attorney to receive it. The pity of it is that a large proportion of the victims of these sharpers will not acknowledge to themselves that they have been fooled. When the expected share of the "estate" does not come, they believe that a conspiracy was formed to rob them. In the matter of the "Case estate," for instance, Judge White can

depend on it that some of the recipients of his discouraging replies to their inquiries will firmly believe that he is in a conspiracy to keep the "rightful heirs" from their property, and that he expects a large share of the plunder. He will be more fortunate than some other disinterested respondents to similar queries if an indignant "heir" does not tell him so by letter.

WALKER'S STORE.

SPRING OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT.



We take pleasure in presenting tomorrow and all the week

"Chesterfield"

Our New Clothing for Men.

The stock is now brimful of spring fashionableness, and you will be interested in the broad showing of choice, new fabric and more than satisfied with the suits made from them. In keeping the distinctive style refinements—the workmanship that is unseen, but which tells in the long service of a garment and usually to be found in custom-made only—the "Chesterfield" is far and away the leader of ready-made clothing on the market. This is one of the potent reasons why we discarded an entire stock to take on "Chesterfield." Buying, though, is to be secondary during the showing time and so detail of "Chesterfield" excellencies shall be omitted, rather let us expect you to examine.

SUITS AND TOP COATS.

Sack suits for men \$12.50 to \$35.00. Fancy worsteds, black Thibet, blue serge, etc. A most complete stock to choose from. Tailored equal to the best custom work, but at almost half prices.

Smart top coats made of fine coverts and fancy tweeds, cut in the favored 30 and 32-inch lengths, handsomely tailored, silk lined—\$12.50 to \$25.00.

The ultra fashionable Russian overcoat, long, loose, swagger style for those liking extremes—\$20.00 to \$35.00.

"CHESTERFIELD" FOR YOUNG MEN.

A most important part of the spring showing. No store hereabout studies more carefully the wants of the critical youth between the ages of 13 and 20 years.

An extensive showing of long trouser suits with round and square cut sack coats, made of fancy tweeds, chevots, worsteds, blue and black serges, at \$6.50 to \$18.00.

Very stylish light weight top coats for young men, \$6.00 to \$15.00.

THE "NAVARRE" HAT.

All the new shades and shapes, soft or stiff, to be worn for spring and summer are here. "Navarre" is the best hat for \$3.00 ever made, superior to some \$4.00 you have known.

NECKWEAR, UNDERWEAR.

An exquisite collection of Neckwear, latest shapes, 50c and above. Handsome shirts, in all the new percales, madras cloths, and white, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

Beautiful half hose, dainty shade combinations, embroidered and plain colors, 25c to 50c.

A superior showing of underwear, fancy sorts to plain. Balbriggan, silklines, light summer.

Everything in the men's store will be arranged for easy view on Monday and the week. Come.

Le Grande Marquise, Du Barry and Other Silks—Ultra Fashionables of the Riviera and Paris at \$1.00 a Yard.

Sacrilegious, nothing short of it, to sell such masterpieces of fashion at the plebeian price of ordinary silks. It seems the inevitable for us, though, we dared to buy thousands of yards when it should have been hundreds. On the Riviera at Monte Carlo—the first promenade ground of the world's most sumptuous costumes—these are being worn, and what is there now reflects the year's fashion thought for all the world; and the eyes of all the world ever waits to see what of beauty's conjurings it will tell. It tells now of the revival of the period of Du Barry, Pompadour and Louis XV.—the most extravagant era of gorgeous dressing the world has ever known—of flowered silks and quaint, picturesque gowns, with not any of the charm or witchery plucked away by twentieth century innovation—indeed, the genius of the loom is no less poetic today than yesterday, his marvellous brain has evolved for the present a more delicate color blending, a softening of textile that makes even more entrancing beauty. Besides, not a duplicate is there in all the vast assembly, distinctiveness is as marked as loveliness. This week—

Du Barry Silks, Pompadour, Dolly Varden, Peau de Cygne, Peau de Paon, Lumineaux, Manilla, Silk Mesh, Marlowe, Cleo, Tuxilk, Satin Brocades, Moire Velour, Moire Antique, Moire Liberty, Moire Francaise, Louisine, Satin Duchesse,

From Which Will be Made the Smart Dinner Costumes,
The Important Gown for Highest Social Function,

\$1.25, \$1.40, \$1.50, \$1.65, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.25 a Yard

Silks, Reduced for Monday and the Week to—

\$1.00

Handsome Ready-made Costumes.

The choicest and most beautiful dresses produced this season are now here, designed from every model the style makers have set and made of the soft, diaphanous fabrics in daintiest shades from pure white through all the medium to sombre black. And clever hands, indeed, guided their making—the trimming is artistically done, cogent and smart; having the style touch that blends the skillful modiste idea with tailoring into charming effectiveness. Of voiles, or veiling, wool crashes—the season's most wanted fabrics because of their light weight and delightful clinging qualities—twine cloths, chevots, moire and taffeta silks. Some entirely silk lined, some without lining or with a very fine, light weight percale—\$13.50 to \$95.00.

Separate skirts made of white twine cloth and black chevot, very light weight, handsomely trimmed with leather, the newest innovation in the trimming way; unlined; clinging, serpentine style—\$25.00 to \$35.00.

The "Meteor" \$3.50 Shoes for Men.

The "Doris" \$3.50 Shoes for Women.

And two better lines of shoes at the price were never made. They mark the culmination of years of effort to secure honest leather within the purse limit of everybody. The "Meteor" has had more than a year's testing and it has not been found wanting in wear service, foot comfort or fashionableness. Stock is now complete with all lasts and shapes in patent and vici kid, patent calf, corona, velour calf and box calf—\$3.50.

And "Doris"—we have difficulty in keeping the supply perfect always. A short time since a thousand pairs were ordered, only to be followed in the last fortnight by a re-order. That best tells whether or no "Doris" is the much wanted shoe for women. Every style from the dressiest French heel to broad common sense walking shoe; in all shapes and lasts to fit all feet—\$3.50.

MAIL ORDERS.

Orders can be from items on this page that are advertised for the week. Our mail order buyer attends to nothing else, so patrons at a distance have prompt and skillful attention.

Bedspreads and Wash Fabrics at Reduced Prices.

White crochet bedspreads, fringed, a pretty style for brass or iron beds where tucking under isn't necessary, full size, one hundred in the lot, but that's not more than enough to last over Monday and Tuesday, if as long for the quality is \$1.75 and \$2.00, to go at—\$1.50.

Not more than enough of these to go through two days' selling, although there's a very good quantity and a plentiful variety. Holley batistes in all the season's tints, striped and figured, reduced from 18c a yard to—15c.

At the very low price, too, of 25c a yard are some dainty tissues and dimities that make one marvel how so much beauty can be squeezed into a tiny price. Every color, with narrow lace or embroidery stripes, many in the much wanted black and white, also figured kinds to end, and only 25c a yard.

Jaunty Hats Caps for Boys and Girls.

The new spring stock is now in its best state of completion. All we could find of jaunty styles are being shown. The "Pantouris" is probably the latest in felt hats for boys of the knee trouser age; come in steel color, heaver and black at 65c to \$1.75. Then for boys or girls the Yacht Eton, Turban and other shapes in navy blue, cardinal, Havana, Oxford, tan, green, gray and white. All our caps will hold their shapes permanently, the linings are steamed and blocked to the crown—25c to \$2.00.

The Fashionable Corset.

La Vida, C. B. W. B., with a few others from the coterie of most fashionable corsets. We have them all, of course, as we should. Beauties to the most expensive you may want, but little priced kinds, too. And there's a special model for every figure, yours may be found by having a pair fitted, which if not exactly right in every way will be altered and made so. A splendid advantage, equal to having corsets made to order. Made of brocade, Batistes and coutil—50c to \$12.50.

Knit Garments and Hosiery You Should Know.

Very shortly, now, the spring weight under garment will be essential to your comfort, let us, then, invite you to at once look over this for market, the best made while all sizes in all the kinds are here together. The making from the lowest to the highest degree is the best that mills can turn out, but the dainty finishings, the smooth weaving, the shapeliness can only be known by seeing. After seeing this for market, hints, come Monday and the week.

Women's fine balbriggan union suits, white and ecru, at—\$2.00.

Women's white lisle thread union suits, choice garments at—\$1.50.

Women's cream cotton union suits with long sleeves—75c.

Women's cotton vests, high neck with long sleeves, drawers to match in ankle or knee length, 50c per garment.

Children's balbriggan shirts, pantalettes and drawers, 25c and 35c each.

Boys' balbriggan union suits, superior garments for 60c.

Women's black cotton stockings, heavy and light weight, 40c a pair.

Women's black cotton stockings in medium weight for early spring, three pairs for—\$1.00.

Children's ribbed black cotton stockings, good quality at 25c a pair.

Souvenir Spoons, Ornamental Hair Combs.

Bonbon spoons, lemonade spoons, olive spoons, sugar spoons, made of sterling silver, gold lined and suitable souvenirs, sold regularly at \$1.25 and \$1.50 each, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—95c.

A group of empire, back and side combs with gold trimmings, that were 35c each reduced to—15c, and some of heavier quality and prettier, that were 75c each for—35c. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday only.

Lace Curtains, Fine Upholstery Stuffs, Floor Coverings.

The mission of the basement store is to bring you whatever is newest for refined home decoration and so a comprehensive showing is the result of this spring's effort. Only briefest mention is to be made, or can be made in this. Come during the week.

A very large importation of real Brussels lace curtains, Be-naisance and Cluny now forms a remarkable display that lovers of the beautiful should see. \$30.00 a pair and between prices down to \$10.00.

Sumptuous upholstery stuffs in satin damasks, Armures, moire and silk velours. \$2.00 to \$5.00 a yard.

Very recently we invoiced some Brussels ingrain art squares, sizes 9x10 and 9x12 feet, handsome and inexpensive at \$10.50 and \$12.00 each.

Also some rich Wiltons, 9x12 feet at—\$40.00.

Smyrnas, Axminsters and Wiltons in the smaller rug sizes form a lavish display here at \$1.25 up to \$5.00.

Some of the Sale Lot of Nottingham Lace Curtains Still Here.

Those we bought at 25 per cent under regular prices by taking all a mill had. The assortment is still wonderfully good and extensive by reason of the large purchase and every kind of a Nottingham you could possibly want remains yet for your choosing; fine, pretty, fresh and new at \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 to \$5.00 a pair. A fourth less than should be. Dainty muslin and bobbinet ruffled curtains in fifty different styles at \$1.35 up to \$7.50 a pair.

Offerings from Needlework Store.

Linen center pieces, stamped in fruit designs and originally 45c and 50c each, Monday and while they last—11c.

A little lot of stamped canvas table covers, 1 1/4 yard squares, cream, tan, red and green, were \$1.50 and \$2.00 each, reduced to—95c.

Bulgarian cushion covers that were \$1.25 and \$1.50, for—80c.

A new lot of waste paper and baby baskets in pretty shapes and fine straws, to sell at 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

Splendid Writing Tablets at Underprice.

Yorkshire linen writing tablets, the excellent Hurlbut, in letter or packet size, ruled and plain and sold regularly at 15c each. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—8c.

Hurlbut Opera tablets, ruled or plain, best quality paper, per, three days the 25c letter size 14c; the 20c packet for 10c; the note for—8c.

\$1.00 an Ounce Perfume—50c

Choice quality of imported perfumes, that will always retain its freshness, triple extract, sold always at \$1.00 an ounce, here Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for—50c.

Women's Purses at Liberal Reduction Prices.

Women's combination pocket-book and card cases, made of genuine black seal, solid leather all through, and others in colors made of Morocco, monkey skin and lavant, new styles, excellent quality, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, instead of \$1.50 each—95c. Some \$1.00 kinds, mostly the long and square shapes at—80c.

Japanese Silk Kimonos.

The new ones of this season are first, last and always Japanese and their very quaintness makes them interesting. The silks are large figured after the Japanese idea of beauty, the colorings brilliant. Aside from its convenience of the kimono in its comfort as a negligee robe, and always bespeaks elegance and refinement—\$13.50.

Walker Brothers & Goodale